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Kasturirangan Report
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of the recommendations of Dr. Kasturirangan Report on Western Ghats;
(b) the details of proposals/reports submitted by the States situated in the Western Ghats along with the action taken by the Government thereon, State-wise;
(c) whether the Government has made the sale and purchase of land in the environmentally sensitive areas in Western Ghats free from restrictions imposed by the Kasturirangan Report;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the relaxations made/proposed to be made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a): Based on the recommendations of the Dr.Kasturirangan Report on Western Ghats, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has brought out a fresh notification dated 4th September, 2015 for declaring ecologically sensitive area in the Western Ghats in supersession of the earlier draft notification issued on 10th March, 2014 incorporating provisions to clarify and to dispel the apprehensions and concerns raised by various stakeholders.

(b): Reports of the States of Kerala, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat Proposals have been received for demarcating ecologically sensitive areas (ESAs) in their respective States.

(c) & (d): The High Level Working Group Report does not put any restrictions on sale and purchase of land in the ecologically sensitive areas demarcated in the Western Ghats. The Government has provided an explanatory note in the draft notification issued on 4th September 2015 to explicitly clarify this and remove the apprehensions in the minds of stakeholders.

(e): Does not arise.
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